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News Briefs

Pope approves new saint

VATICAN CITY (AP) Pope John Paul II has formally approved sainthood for Edith Stein, a Jewish-born nun killed in a Holocaust gas chamber. Stein's beatification in 1987 drew criticism from some Jews, who said the Nazis killed her because of her Jewish heritage, not because she later embraced Catholicism. She became a nun in 1933 and died at Auschwitz in 1942. John Paul formally approved Stein's sainthood at a ceremony Thursday in the Apostolic Palace in the Vatican. No date for the actual canonization ceremony, which makes Stein a Roman Catholic saint, was announced.

Illegal rooster fight busted

NEW LEXINGTON, Ohio (AP) Perry County sheriff's deputies arrested more than 100 people Saturday night during an illegal cockfight at a Thornville residence. The owners of the residence, Russell and Bernice Bolton, were among the 111 people arrested, Deputy Sheriff Scott Hamilton said Sunday. Cockfighting involves fights among roosters with metal spurs on their legs. Bets are placed and prize money is awarded to the owner of the winner. In most cases, one of the roosters dies. Thornville is about 30 miles east of Columbus.

Toads get the cold shoulder when it comes to mating this year

URBANA, Ohio (AP) The toads at Cedar Bog may be cold-blooded, but they certainly appreciate warmth when it comes to affairs of the heart. The amphibians delayed their lovemaking for more than a month this year while they waited for a heat wave. The toads' spring mating ritual depends upon an environmental trigger. The temperature must reach at least 60 degrees in the evening and remain there throughout the night. "The toads went off five weeks late this year," said bog naturalist Terry Jaworski. "But they're on amphibian time."

Union Hours for this Week

The University Student Union has announced its hours for this week.

Tuesday, May 27 through Thursday, May 29:
Information Desk 7am-3 pm
Falcon's Nest 7am-6 pm
Bowl-N-Greenery 11:30am-1:30pm
Friday, May 30
Falcon's Nest 7am-6pm
Saturday, May 31
Falcon's Nest 10am-6pm

Advising to take on new role

By DARLA WARNOCK
The BG News

Recently appointed to coordinate undergraduate advising initiatives, Jack Taylor is looking forward to providing leadership and direction to the area of student advising. "I think it is a fantastic opportunity to assist the University in its efforts to meet the students' academic career goals," Taylor said. Taylor was formerly the assistant vice president for student

affairs and director of multicultural institutional services. He came to the University in 1978. In improving student advising, the ultimate goals are to enhance retention and student satisfaction with the University experience, Taylor said. He plans to work with Charles Middleton, provost and vice president for academic affairs, to develop a campus advising model and implement advising as a University priority. The recommendation for the position came out of a task force

on student advising, chaired by Joe Cranny, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Taylor said the key to his new position is identifying the "best advising practices" already taking place on the campus in order to reproduce those results throughout the University. "I will develop collaborative relationships with key advising personnel in the colleges, schools and academic and administrative departments and replicate them," Taylor said. In addition, Taylor will focus

on personal counseling and career assistance. Sallye McKee, assistant to the provost for enrollment and retention, will work with Taylor to reach the advising goals and improve enrollment and retention figures. "He's like a liason," McKee said. "We're really lucky to have someone who has been with the University for so long to take over." She explained the ideas for improving advising as well as enrollment and retention are

already in place, they just need to be worked out and implemented. "We don't need to reinvent the wheel here, we need to reinvent the cogs that make the wheel turn," McKee said. "[It will] improve customer service." Taylor explained that "customer service" should be carried out by everyone at the University. He said that can be done by allowing each employee to be an adviser to students, whether formally or informally. ● See TAYLOR, page three.



BG News photo by Jeremy Martin

The National Guard Company B 148 Mechanized Color Guard led the Bowling Green City Memorial Day parade down Main Street this past Monday.

Annual fitness test challenges prospective officers

By JIM GOOD
The BG News

Bowling Green City Police had its annual fitness test for prospective officers last Saturday. A total of 55 applicants participated, with 47 passing. Out of the 55, six were women, with three passing. The department is hiring six people this year.

Thomas E. Votava, Bowling Green Police Chief, said the training to become an officer is intense and thorough. "What we do is greater than most departments will commit to," he said. "We require higher education, at least a two-year de-

gree and a higher level of fitness from our officers." Each prospect had 45 seconds to complete an obstacle-course run. Before starting, they were placed in a police cruiser, seat belted and outfitted with a fake gun and utility belt. They were given the description of a criminal which they would later identify. Time began once each prospect opened the cruiser

door, according to Chief Votava. The course consisted of five stages. First, the prospects ran to a chain-link fence and climbed it. They then ran around a cone, fell to the ground and crawled under a narrow table. After that they jumped through a window, where four cardboard criminals waited. They had to identify the correct suspect, then drag a 150-pound dummy six feet to the finish line.

"What we do is greater than most departments will commit to." Thomas Votava
BG Police Chief

Parade honors vets' sacrifice

By CYNTHIA LEE SHECKLER
BG News

Main street downtown Bowling Green was lined with families, friends and military veterans who came out to commemorate those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in this year's annual Memorial Day parade. There were many participants of all ages in the parade, including cubscouts, American Legion members, a high school band, military veterans and active personnel. Bowling Green's Mayor Wes Hoffman, a retired lieutenant colonel from the Air Force said "our democracy is only as strong as we are ... we are here to

honor those who have died for our future. Who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our future." Linda Boland from Bowling Green said she came out today with her husband Mike to watch their son Tom Mohlman perform in the high school band, "to remember the people who died and to pray for the future of our country." Mayor Hoffman said even though it was windy, there was a good turn out, approximately 500 participants and spectators in all. Hoffman said it was good to see so many people turn out to honor all those who gave their lives to preserve and protect the country.

Authorities raid clubs, seize gambling devices

By JIM GOOD
The BG News

Three area clubs were raided last Wednesday by state liquor control agents and Bowling Green City Police for using illegal gambling equipment. State agents entered the Amvets, Elks and VFW clubs from a tip. Upon discovering the machines, they contacted a local judge to get a warrant.

While obtaining the warrant, patrons of the clubs became suspicious and began loading the machines onto trucks. The agents, realizing this might occur, had set up surveillance around each club. They detained those trying to move the equipment.

Bowling Green City Police Detective Brad Conner said the machines are known as electronic gambling devices. "Some of them use a draw-poker for-

mat," he said. Three video devices were confiscated from Amvets along with over \$900 dollars. Four devices were confiscated from the Elks along with over \$600 dollars. Four devices were also confiscated from the VFW along with \$3000 dollars. Also, records pertaining to gambling were confiscated. Bowling Green City Police were assisted in the raid, and the case now falls under the jurisdiction of state liquor control agents. No arrests were made. Detective Conner said the clubs can be fined, have their license suspended or have their permits revoked. He said since this is their first offense in years, they will likely receive a fine. When contacted, a patron at the Amvets said he participated in gambling pools but didn't know they were illegal. He said he knew the machines were illegal. The Elks and VFW clubs had no comments.

Those passing the course will be given a written test on June 7th. An interview will then be administered from which the six will be chosen. Once chosen, they will travel to Columbus for 14 weeks of intense training. This will be followed by 12 weeks of field training in Bowling Green. Tryouts are open to the public and will be held again next year. There are some requirements, though. A prospect must be at least 21 years old and not reached age 35 by time of official hiring. Body weight should be proportionate to height. Vision should be good, and prospects cannot be color blind.



STAFF EDITORIAL

Memorial Day a missed chance to appreciate one's personal freedoms

So another Memorial Day has come and gone. Look closely at the words Memorial Day. Memorial Day. Did you remember anyone this weekend? We didn't think so.

The aim of Memorial Day is to set aside a time when the nation honors and remembers those who died fighting for freedom and the American way of life.

For almost 250 years, The United States has paved the way for the rights many of us take for granted. Last week, the American spirit of freedom popped up in Iran, where 69 percent of the people VOTED to oust governmental hard-liners and open the way for more open social policies. It seems that once again in today's world we have lost sight of the original meaning of a holiday. First it was Christmas and other religious holidays.

Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day are really just excuses to have a barbecue and get together with friends. Memorial Day marks the start of the summer and Labor Day the end. The Fourth of July is a mid-summer celebration of fireworks, beer, and oh yeah, our nation's independence.

It seems like American society is always looking for another reason to party. We do not care at all about being serious and actually showing we care about something.

Think about what the holiday actually means. People actually went to war to protect freedom and other American values. Sentences like that go completely over everyone's head. They don't have any meaning to people today. Maybe it's that people our age have really never experienced a war and we take everything we have for granted.

The threat of not having our freedom has never been real for us the way it was for our parents and grandparents. The Gulf War was our only experience with war and that didn't require the all-out effort of previous wars and posed no direct threat to our freedom as we know it.

It is wrong for us to forget the people who fought to give us the easy life we have right now. The soldier who died in the mud in a foreign country gave up his life to do more than allow you to have keg party this weekend. The man who fought against

his brother in the Civil War was fighting for ideals greater than having a day off from school to go the beach.

Memorial Day is a holiday we can all relate to, if we make the effort. We all enjoy the freedoms fought for and we all somewhere in our ancestry have lost someone who fought and died for their country.

We are lucky that our generation has not had to go to war to defend our freedom because we probably wouldn't have the time, what with all our parties and everything.

This Memorial Day is also a time when World War II Veterans are celebrating the planned memorial to them in Washington. Led by U.S. congresswoman representing the Toledo area Marcy Kaptur ten years ago, it is an inclusive monument to all who fought in Europe and Asia to defend not only our freedom, but for the free world as well.

This is a great idea, they certainly deserve a memorial for defeating the Axis powers and Hitler. The only problem is the placement of this memorial. There has been a lot of controversy in Washington because it is supposed to go right in the Mall between the Washington and Lincoln Monuments. The Mall is arguably the most sacred piece of land in the United States.

Critics argue that a new monument would break up what is already a sacred classic spot in American history. One Senator argued that putting a new monument there would interrupt a conversation that is going on between the man who founded the country and the man who saved it.

This spot between the two monuments has been the site many historical occurrences itself. It was where Martin Luther King Jr. told a nation of his dream as well as where Forrest Gump was reunited with Jenny during a fictional Vietnam protest. It is a place not only in our history, but in our culture.

No matter where they place the monument, it is already too late for many of those who fought in the war to see it when it is officially dedicated on Memorial Day 2000. Most who see it will be recall memories of a history class, not a battlefield, if they are thinking about it at all.

TONY CAVALLARIO America's legacy not in the shoes

On Memorial Day, President Clinton reaffirmed America's position as leader of world peace and justice. Turns out that the US military, kept big enough to fight two medium size wars, is there only to make the world a better place. What a relief.

There are American flags everywhere on Memorial weekend. So throughout I am thinking about America and its relationship to the world. I am trying to reconcile and pass judgment on past wars, heroes, and struggles of America. More importantly, as Clinton addresses the world, I am looking at the present and towards the future. And I'm watching television.

On such an endeavor, I can't avoid thinking about sports and multinational corporations. Perhaps because such things are Americana for the new millennium.

On Sunday, as a Nike-sporting Tiger Woods is omnipresent, there is an article in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* about the Nike corporation.

It's in the opinion pages, too, so I am expecting a value judgment about the shoe company. Probably, I thought, prompted by a recent resurgence of anti-Nike sentiment in the states about its manufacturing practices abroad. Instead, the article was lamenting the inevitable decline of Nike's astronomical growth. It was more of a note to shareholders than to humanitarians. It brought up concern that consumers might be choosing other shoes and apparel due to what customers perceive as unethical labor practices in the Pacific Rim. Such is the fate of a multinational corporation. Profit from sweatshops until you get caught. Then what?

The current discourse about sweatshops like Nike's factories in Indonesia and Vietnam shows an arrogant confidence that American consumers are in control. Put the pressure on Nike, they will change

their evil ways. There are some troubling issues with this assumption.

First, people are underestimating the Nike corporation. According to the article, Nike is 45% of the athletic apparel market. There are Nike-towns in major cities. With so many sports figures and many people's role models are inseparable from the Nike swoosh. In America, Nike has generated this progressive, inclusive image. And Nike made almost 650 million in profits last year. Nike's CEO, Phil Knight, made almost two million for himself. People are willing to pay 140 dollars for new Nike running shoes. In Japan, kids maul each other for used Nike running shoes. Nike makes the world's favorite television commercials. There is an awful lot of power in that swoosh.

Second, Nike has an alibi for operating sweatshops. That is: everyone else is doing it. Why single Nike out? This is very important rationale. Its says, "Hey America, boycott if you want. You won't kill the beast." What about the big picture? Are Americans ever going to deal with the global economy?

Months ago when Kathie Lee Gifford cried about the sweatshops that bore her name, she probably thought or hoped that her sweatshop was an exception, that it was deviant. How could an American corporation that's supposed to be a blessing to these desperate third world economies treat people so poorly? The world was opened up to horror stories of factories with locked doors, child labor, workers being beat on the heads, etc...

However, if you believe in the global free market, you probably

hardly flinched. Confident economists thought abuses were bad, but isolated, and things will only get better. Starvation wages are better than the alternatives these people had, which were mainly sustenance farming. Two dollars a day may indeed buy an Indonesian worker a lot more food than she would make otherwise. Soon, she'll make as much money as I did at Taco bell in high school. That is the manifesto of globalization. In America real wealth is measured by how much stuff a person can buy. And God knows we have a lot of stuff. Why not share by pushing the third world up that rough road America crossed a century ago?

Well, there are plenty of good reasons. At least to do it slowly, carefully and ethically, if possible. Anyway but how things have happened so far, which has been awfully secret, quick and hasty. McDonald's and Nike are symbols for a new kind of cultural and economic imperialism that is much faster and more powerful than any military. It's a kind of imperialism that people have little defense against. Sweatshops are more than a cliché, they are a reality, and they are offensive. The moral relativism implied when people say that slave wages are good enough for these people is repulsive and arrogant (borderline racist). Remember, profits have soared and shoe price and quality have not reflected the fact that labor prices have shrunk almost to nothing. Andre Agassi got a \$100 million deal from Nike. Perhaps most people tolerate fat cats, but how can we justify cases like this? What kind of society promotes this kind of sick inequality?

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Tony Cavallario

TOM MATHER

Home Improvement comes where you usually have to go

...And God said, "Let there be Zinnia's."

I almost began this week's column with that. I realize now that I just did that anyway, but it's too late to change it.

In my completely uneventful and downright boring week home after finals week, my free Zinnias from Speedway were the most exciting part of my week.

"But Tom," you say, "Didn't anyone let you put together any bathroom equipment?"

I was just getting to that. Yes, that's right, in yet another one of my columns I will mention the toilet. I will also, against my will, once again make subtle references to my family members, who by now feel that they are entitled to royalties. I remind them that I don't get paid for this, so I'm going to make damn sure they don't either. To tell the truth, I'd write about someone else instead, let's say Harvey Schlitzengold, but it would be a little more complicated since I've never met him and he's just a figment of my imagination.

My mother has a habit where she waits until I come home for a brief period of rest and relaxation, and then informs me that she has a special project for me to do. For example, she'll usually say something like, "Oh, Tom. I'm glad you're home. Since you're not doing anything this week, why don't you replace the roof?"

Last week being no different, my mother kindly asked me to put together a bathroom cabinet she bought. Kindly, as in, "Tom, could you please put together the bathroom cabinet for me?" meaning: "Tom, you are going to put together the bathroom cabinet for me."

So I began

to put together the bathroom cabinet, which was far more interesting than I imagined because I didn't find the English directions until I had the thing halfway built. Also, at about that time I realized I had in my possession the cheapest bathroom cabinet ever built. For instance, what they called, "I white coated chipboard cabinet back," we would call, "posterboard."

This is why today they are rich and you are not. In the making of your eighth-grade science fair project, you bought posterboard from the discount store and said, "Hey, posterboard. I bet I could make a poster out of it." For their project they said, "Hey, posterboard. I bet I could make a bathroom cabinet out of it."

The parts not consisting of posterboard consisted mainly of plastic, except for (actual description), "2 straight tubes with dimples." This relieved me, because I had a friend who was mugged by, "2 crooked tubes with bushy eyebrows."

Only having the Spanish directions to start with, at random I chose two of the four shelves to be the cabinet top and bottom. Later, I found the English version of the directions and discovered that instead I should've, "[chosen] two shelves to be the top and bottom."

By far the most interesting part included was the bright or-



Tom Mather

ange plastic straw. I guess it's purpose was to keep the sliding doors from coming off track, but it didn't seem to be important, so I didn't use it. Besides, it clashed with our bathroom decor. Someday I hope we get the deluxe model which comes complete with a bright orange plastic Crazy Straw. Of course I'm kidding, the deluxe model only comes with one of those little umbrellas.

I was surprised to learn that the entire cabinet was held together by plastic push fasteners and rubber "O-rings." I guess that "O-rings" are better than "Q-rings" or "Z-rings," but who am I to judge? (Joke for the day: What did the priest say to the bride and groom? "Do you have Z-rings?")

Even more surprising, after I finished the cabinet and installed it upright over the toilet, I found I had quite a few extra parts. The final tally of extra parts was: 1 plastic straw, 1 "O-ring," 1 plastic push fastener, and 4 screws.

I have to admit the screws confused me at first. They included four of them, and I didn't use any. You would've thought the screws were important, since they included four of them. I think maybe the screws were for the Spanish version, I don't know. But in the end I shrugged it off when I realized, "Hey. Free Screws." I bet I could use those when I replace the roof.

Wow. Extra space left at the end of the column. Huh. How do I fill it up? Maybe I should give gardening tips.

This week's real Garden Hint, brought to you by the producers of Zinnia seeds: "Water freely during dry weather." (Of course, now you're wondering, "Who's this Freely guy anyway?")

Tom Mather is a columnist

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Police Blotter

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■ A woman complained to police last Saturday that her neighbor spit on her mailbox. The woman said she saw him do it.

■ A man complained last Wednesday somebody entered his home through a window and took a shower. The intruder, clean or otherwise, wasn't found.

■ A suspicious vehicle report was filed Friday. Police found two people in a car discussing nature. Police advised them to go somewhere private to discuss nature.

■ Two people were discovered Thursday in the bushes on Poe Road arguing. A security guard said they were in the bushes for over an hour. The arguers were advised to be on their way.

■ Police were notified of two suspicious males last Saturday at Varsity Square Apartments. One subject had green hair. The other

had orange hair.

■ What looked like a smashed cat was found in a garbage bag Thursday. Upon further inspection, it was found to be a smashed rabbit.

■ A person called 911 last Monday just to see if it worked. Apparently, it did.

■ Last Thursday, a man received a citation from the Humane Society for kicking a ferret.

■ A credit card was stolen from a woman's mailbox last Tuesday. The next day, the card was found back in the mailbox with \$100 dollars charged to it.

■ A car was pulled over for reckless driving last Friday. Several subjects in the van were tied up and stated it was part of an "initiation."

■ A man complained last Monday his business was vandalized. Someone painted the head of a cartoon character on his outside wall.

Historical NW Ohio opens for summer

By CYNTHIA LEE SHECKLER
BG News

As of Memorial Day weekend, seven northwest Ohio historical sites have opened for the summer season.

They include Fort Meigs in Perrysburg, Piqua's Historical area, Indian Mill near Upper Sandusky, Fort Recovery in Mercer County, Neil Armstrong Air and Space Museum in Wapakoneta, Cedar Bog Nature Preserve near Urbana, and the Hayes Presidential Center in Fremont. These seven locations are part of the system that include 62 historical sites and museums operated by the Ohio Historical Society according to Bonnie Such, Ohio History office secretary.

At Fort Meigs on Memorial Day Larry Nelson, the site director said the 1908 monument (101 feet tall) was erected to "recognize not just union soldier veterans, but all military veterans." Nelson requested a minute of silence for all of those who were buried in the three unmarked cemeteries at Fort Meigs.

The 1812 military garrison was in uniform at a recreated en-

campment of that era. The cannon was fired as the memorial wreath was laid at the monument. According to Betsy Bashore, Fort Meigs Interpreter said the soldiers were carrying replicas of the 1795 Springfield Muskets, they were representing the 1812 infantrymen of the 19th Regiment.

Fort Meigs volunteer, Sara Westrick an eighth grader at Gateway Middle School was giving away free samples of "hard tack" a hard flour cake which was part of the soldiers ration. Volunteer Lynn Bristol of Cleveland said the soldiers received hard tack, salt and salt pork for their rations.

At Fort Meigs there are over 60 volunteers, some as far away as Maryland come to support the activities of the historical site, according to Billie Bell, a volunteer. For information on Fort Meigs summer events or becoming a volunteer call (419) 874-4121.

For a free copy of the "Ohio's History Is Calling You" brochure that includes a guide and map to all of the 62 historical sites call (800) 283-8916.



BG News photo by Cynthia Lee Sheckler
Windell Jones, John Riker, and Carol Riker, all of Bowling Green, salute the parade as it passed down Court Street. Jones said he came to the parade to give recognition to those who have given their lives for their country.

Memorial Day in Bowling Green



BG News photo by Jeremy Martin
A father and son look on at the Memorial Day parade.

Chain of miracles highlights 'Stand'

By CYNTHIA LEE SHECKLER
BG News

On June 1 Bowling Green will be taking part in the national celebration of "Stand For Children Day."

Maria Simon, the local "Stand For Children Day" coordinator, said the community bookdrive is going well.

"We have received hundreds and hundreds of books," Simon said. Rural Opportunities, Inc. will distribute the books to children and young adults in migrant families and the Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio.

Simon says participation in the Milagros (miracle) chain is growing. Each link represents an individual's hope, wish or

prayer for a child and that link is connected to the community chain. Simon says the community chain symbolizes interdependence with one another.

This Sunday at the "Stand For Children Day" celebration the Milagros chain will be draped around the evergreen tree on the front lawn of the Wood County District Library between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. During this time many activities will be going on: face painting, pinata, singalongs, B.G.S.U. Reading Alive Puppeteers, dance workshops, Cycleworks stunt bikes, art activities, dances for universal peace and the final day to contribute to the community book drive.

Simon says there is still a need for volunteers, and she can be reached at 354-5777.

Toledo music festival successful

By Troy Reynolds
The BG News

Last weekend saw the Rock, Rhythm and Blues Festival in full swing up in Toledo. A three-day event, the annual festival, sponsored by Miller Lite, is celebrating its ninth year. Several well-known groups performed at this year's festival. On Friday, the classic Badfinger played onstage, followed by Mitch Rider and the Detroit Wheels, of "Devil With A Blue Dress On" fame. Saturday's festivities culminated with Blue Oyster Cult performing for the downtown fans. The festival closed on Sunday with Magic Dick and Jay

Geils-Bluestime.

When I arrived at Promenade Park, R.L. Burnside was performing. If anyone wants to know what the blues are all about, just listen to Burnside. It was a brilliant performance, and the small crowd really seemed to enjoy the music. I'm not a dedicated blues fan myself, but Burnside might make me change my stance. After he was through, I was afraid the rest of the show would be a letdown.

I thank Miller Lite and all the other groups involved in sponsoring the Rock Rhythm and Blues Festival. It's always fun, and a great time for everyone.

Arts Fest to 'boogie'

By CYNTHIA LEE SHECKLER
BG News

The annual Findlay Arts Festival will be held on June 7 and 8. Carolyn Copus, Findlay Area Arts Council Executive Director said, "The kick-off event this year will be 'Boogie On Broadway' held on Broadway Street in downtown Findlay."

Tommy Vale and the Torpedoes will be performing music from the 50s, 60s and 70s. The proceeds will go to benefit the Findlay Area Arts Council.

Copus says there will be 12 hands-on activities for children, including a community mural.

There are three performing stages, a multicultural area, 16 vendors in the food court and a gallery in the park showcasing woodcarvers and artists where 140 works of art will be displayed by children.

According to Copus there is an estimated crowd of 25,000 to 35,000 visitors from 14 states and 31 countries expected to attend and view the nearly 80 fine arts and craft booths.

The event is free to the public. Those interested in volunteering or additional information on the arts festival can contact the Findlay Area Arts Council at (419) 422-3412.

TAYLOR

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"Through that we create a package -- that's all part of advising," Taylor said. "To make this work, everyone needs to get involved."

Advising, according to Taylor, influences all student learning and practices.

"All of the research indicates the levels of satisfaction with the University experience, as well as satisfaction with the type of relationship students have had with the staff and faculty," Taylor said. "We're trying to create a culture here for that."

Taylor has developed several goals for the 1997-98 academic year:

- Convene an Advisers' Sum-

mit to begin developing a University advising model.

■ Pilot exit interviews during the summer for non-returning students and implement every semester thereafter.

■ Compile grade point average requirements by major and evaluate their impact on student retention and matriculation rates.

■ Develop a draft policy statement on undergraduate advising.

■ Analyze data collected by the Office of Institutional Research pertinent to student retention particularly as it suggests implications for advising. Identify and disseminate "Best Advising Practices."

■ Establish an advising web page.

What's Happening around the area...

- May 30 - June 1, **HOT ROD SUPER NATIONALS**, Canfield Fairgrounds, St. Rt. 46, Canfield, Mahoning County (216) 555-4107
- May 30 - June 1, **SHUTZENFEST**, American Legion Hall, City Rd. 19, Ridgeville Corners, Henry County (419) 267-3490
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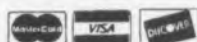
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Perrysburg welcomes Mexican Elvis

By BRANDON WRAY
The BG NEWS

Picture the king of Rock and Roll, Elvis Presley. Now have him come from East Los Angeles instead of Memphis and give him a political and social message. You get El Vez, the Mexican Elvis.

When El Vez plays at Perrysburg's Citi Lounge this Saturday he will give Northwest Ohio a show unlike anything it has ever seen before.

El Vez, formerly known as Robert Lopez, describes his act as "blurring the line between education and entertainment." Lopez is a huge Elvis fan because he enjoys his music and he sees him as a great metaphor for American life.

"With Elvis you get the whole story of life," El Vez said. "All the tragedy and comedy as a poor man from Memphis finds success."

Lopez's musical roots are in the Southern California punk scene in the early 80s as a member of the Zeros. He sees Elvis as the punk rock of the 50s.

"The Zeros were kind of known as the Mexican Ramones although we really didn't have any kind of political agenda," Lopez said. "Since then I have really tried to incorporate Latino issues into my music. El Vez is entertainment and a message, too. I want Latino people to be proud of their heritage. I want to show that America is all of this and Latino, too."



El-Vez, the Mexican Elvis, brings his entertainment and education act to Perrysburg's Citi Lounge this Saturday night.

Lopez got his start as the Mexican Elvis when he was working at an L.A. art gallery in the late 80s and his job was preparing theme parties for opening exhibits.

For one party he decided to do an Elvis theme - with a Latino twist - and it came off very well. He then decided to take his act to Memphis to perform El Vez during the Elvis impersonators national convention. After a successful stint in Memphis he returned to L.A. to find that word of his act was spreading around his hometown. The Los Angeles Times wanted to do a feature on him and the television show "Hunter" wanted him as a guest star.

That was 1988, and the legend of El Vez has been growing since

then. Lopez has toured across the United States and Europe as El Vez.

In the beginning El Vez used karaoke tapes as his backup music but now he has his own band that supports on his albums and tours.

His latest album, "G.I. Ay! Ay! Blues" is his most political work yet Lopez said. Issues that he deals include Cesar Chavez, Columbus and the NAFTA controversy. Part of El Vez's style is to combine elements of other people's songs with his themes.

His uses Bachman Turner Overdrive's classic "Takin' Care of Business" to talk about Mexican workers. "We get up every mornin, from the alarm clock warning/do the menial jobs that

run this city/there's a whistle up above and we're cleaning and we scrub/do your lawn, to make you look pretty." Lopez said that song is about the idea that undocumented Mexican workers take "real Americans' jobs."

"They do the jobs that no one wants," Lopez said. "they will do whatever it takes to get by and get ahead."

He also does covers of John Lennon's "Power to the People" and David Bowie's "(Rock & Roll Suicide) If I Can Dream."

In addition to Elvis, Lopez cites Bowie and Kiss as influences for his music and his stage shows. El Vez actually got to open for his hero Bowie last year in Denmark. El Vez is a very visual and outlandish show to see with dancers known as Elvettes, a variety of Elvis costumes and toy machine gun-toting "Zapitista" revolutionaries.

The first time El Vez plays a town, he likes to take it easy on the crowd.

"We will give them the El Vez 101 course," Lopez said. "There will definitely still be a message, but it's not as in your face the first time around."

Even when they play in towns without a large Latino population Lopez said people are still able to get into the show.

"There is something for everyone to identify with in the show regardless of their background," Lopez said.

"People leave El Vez shows feeling proud to be Mexican even if they are not," El Vez said.

Plot lost in new 'Jurassic Park'

By Troy Reynolds
The BG News

Memorial Day weekend always means big movie openings. This year's most anticipated film has been *Lost World*, the sequel to the hit *Jurassic Park*. A big fan of dinosaurs and dinosaur movies, I couldn't pass up the chance to see the new film on opening night. Unfortunately, I was sadly disappointed, having already seen the movie when it was called *King Kong*.

Actually, I was quite impressed with the beginning of the show. The reasons for the existence of the new dinosaurs is both logical and realistic. So are the means by which Jeff Goldblum, reprising his role as a scientist, is coerced into re-entering the dinosaurs den. That's about the point where I stopped being impressed.

Goldblum's daughter is introduced for no purpose other than to have the standard precocious child in the movie. Even worse, there is a completely contrived and anticipated scene in which the young girl saves the day, a la the first movie. Most of the other characters are no better. Goldblum's girlfriend has absolutely no charisma, and the addition of an environmentalist/industrial saboteur enhances the film none whatsoever. The only characters to make impressions are Goldblum and the big game hunter who desires to kill a bull *Tyrannosaurus*.

The *Tyrannosaurus* are the real stars of the movie. They occupy much more screen time than they did in the original film. Of course, the special effects are brilliant, but

how many times can we watch a *Tyrannosaurus* sniffing around a tent or trailer full of people? After about the third scene incorporating this theme, I became really bored. The dinosaurs are certainly mismanaged in the movie.

The popular velociraptors make another appearance in the film as well. The problem is that there is no purpose to the cameo. The only reason they are in the movie is because everyone wanted to see them again. I have no problem with that - just give them a purpose. The other thing that I hate about the dreaded velociraptors is that they can kill anything except for a small child; they look like bumbling idiots who couldn't catch a lame turkey when chasing kids. I saw enough of that in the first movie, but maybe Spielberg didn't realize that I've had my fill of it.

The worst part of the movie is the last half hour, however. One of the *Tyrannosaurus* is captured and brought to San Diego to be put on display. Predictably, the dinosaur escapes and runs rampant through the streets of the city, creating havoc along the way. Only quick thinking by Goldblum saves the day. There is a humorous tribute to Japanese monster movies in this part of the film, though.

The movie does have its moments, most of which feature Goldblum. He has several good one liners, and delivers them better than anyone else as well. (Prof. Hammond: I'm not making the same mistakes this time. Goldblum: No, you're making all new ones.) The special effects are great again, but not as interesting or awe-inspiring as in the first film. The best are the scenes with the little

chicken-sized dinosaurs with a taste for meat who have a habit of ganging up on people. These good moments are ruined by things such as an environmental theme which is only halfheartedly explored, however.

In the end, I have to admit that the film is another technical masterpiece, with brilliant special effects, but the story just does not hold my attention. I shouldn't hope for much from a movie which

Spielberg admits was designed around what the fans asked to see. That's exactly what it looks like - a hodgepodge of action elements with nothing more than the most basic story structure. Plot points are never explained, characters never developed and the story never engages the audience. I just expect more from a master such as Spielberg.



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Sportscaster Marv Albert arraigned on sex charges

The Associated Press

Marv Albert, holding hands with his fiancée, entered court today where his attorney told a judge that the sportscaster will plead innocent to forcible sodomy and assault charges.

Judge Benjamin Kendrick set a Sept. 22 trial date for Albert in Arlington Circuit Court on charges that he viciously bit a woman and forced her to perform oral sex in his hotel room in February.

Albert, accompanied by fiancée Heather Faulkner and his four children, was silent throughout the five-minute hearing.

Gerard Treanor, a lawyer representing Albert, told the judge the defense needs time to analyze physical evidence and review tests on the evidence.

Commonwealth's Attorney Richard Trodden requested a

jury trial, and the judge released Albert on his own recognizance. Albert was fingerprinted and photographed as he was booked after the hearing, his lawyer said.

Treanor said he will abide by the prosecutor's request not to discuss the case. Outside the courthouse he would not comment on the substance of the case, saying only, "We look forward to that trial and we look forward to his vindication."

Albert, NBC's lead announcer for NBA games, faces five years to life in prison if convicted. He also has broadcast New York Knicks and Rangers games locally, and has done football and boxing for the network.

He announced the NBA playoff games for NBC as scheduled Saturday and Monday.

Albert, 53, was indicted May 19 on charges of forcible sodomy and assault. A woman who said

she has been a friend of his for years told police he bit her repeatedly and forced her to perform oral sex in an Arlington hotel room Feb. 12.

Police spokesman Tom Bell said last week that officers photographed jagged bite wounds on the woman's back.

Albert's 41-year-old accuser faces criminal charges herself: She is accused of threatening to kill a former boyfriend in March.

Albert complained last week that neither police nor prosecutors spoke to him before the indictment was made public a week ago today. Local officials in Virginia have said Albert did not return their calls.

He did not formally enter a plea today. The judge said he prefers to adhere to the local custom of accepting pleas immediately before a trial begins.

Treanor asked the judge to acknowledge that his client intends to plead innocent to both charges.

Bulls repair, prepare for Game 5

The Associated Press

Michael Jordan spent a free afternoon on the golf course, then showed up for work the next day without his stroke.

But Jordan denied that his favorite hobby was the reason he missed his first 14 shots Monday in the Chicago Bulls' 87-80 loss to the Miami Heat. The defeat left the Bulls leading the Eastern Conference final 3-1 going into Game 5 Wednesday at the United Center.

With confident Chicago in command of the series Sunday, Jordan headed for the Miami links following practice. His score wasn't disclosed, but he shot 9-for-35 Monday, which led to an obvious question:

Why play 46 holes of golf in 85-degree weather during the playoffs?

"I don't think it had anything to do with the way I played," he said. "I felt fresh. I felt good. I played 45 minutes. I can't say that bothered my energy level."

Jordan had 29 points only because he found the range in the fourth quarter, scoring 18 consecutive Chicago points to lead a furious but futile comeback from a 21-point deficit.

Tim Hardaway scored 25 points for Miami. Alonzo Mourning, who had predicted the victory following a 24-point Heat loss in Game 3, added 18 points and 14 rebounds.

Chicago had been 9-0 previously against Miami in the playoffs, winning by an average margin of 18 points. The Heat improved to 5-0 this year when faced with elimination.

"It would have been easy to go out," coach Pat Riley said. "As

much as this team has been maligned for not deserving to be here, I know how hard they've worked. They've been crucified for trying to win, and I think they felt that a little bit. They deserve the right to dream and hope like anybody else."

Now they hope to win Wednesday and return to Miami Arena for Game 6 on Friday.

"We're not concerned," Jordan said. "We know we can play better. We showed in the second half the intensity we can play with and how they can get rattled. We feel confident that if we play our game as we did in the second half, we'll be all right."

If the Jordan who struggled through the first half resurfaces, the Bulls have a problem. He was 0-for-11 at halftime when Chicago trailed 47-31, setting a franchise playoff record for the fewest points in a first half.

Bulls publicists believe it was the first time Jordan ever went through a half -- regular season or playoffs -- without a field goal. Many of his shots fell short, suggesting fatigue, and both coaches said the golf may have taken a toll.

"It looked like he played it today," Riley said.

"If that's what was called for, that's his priority," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said. "It might have cost us, but that's the way it goes this time of year. Sometimes it's better to do that than to stick your nose to the grindstone."

At times Jordan appeared to be shooting a grindstone. His first basket came with 8:09 left in third quarter to make the score 56-37.

"I knew what the numbers were," Jordan said. "I knew I

hadn't made a basket. I really wasn't helping the situation, but I had a determination to somehow get involved in this game. ...

"In the first quarter I found myself rushing shots trying to beat the shot clock. From that point on I found myself pressing, trying to find my rhythm and missing easy shots."

Mourning and Dennis Rodman provided an entertaining side-show throughout the game, trading barbs and shoves until they wrestled each other to the floor with 8:14 remaining. Each received a technical foul, giving Rodman 15 in 12 playoff games, including at least one in every game.

Moments later, Jordan finally got hot, sinking six baskets in 5 minutes as Miami's lead dwindled to 79-78.

"For a half he shows he's human," teammate Steve Kerr said. "In the second half he shows he's godly."

But Jordan missed his final three attempts and the Heat hit six consecutive free throws down the stretch for the win.

"We felt the pressure of his greatness coming back," Riley said. "You watch him go on one of those runs and hope the game ends before he gets them all the way back and gets the final hoop."

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Red Wings look to end 42-year Stanley Cup drought

The Associated Press

It was no accident that Steve Yzerman hardly touched the Campbell Bowl, awarded to the winners of the Western Conference finals. It brought back too many painful memories.

The Red Wings won the bowl in 1995, too. Yzerman, when handed the bowl on that occasion, hoisted it over his head. He turned, beaming joyously as the crowd in Joe Louis Arena showered the team with cheers.

"The last time we won it, it was the first time for everybody and we were pretty excited," said forward Darren McCarty.

The 1995 euphoria didn't last, however. Detroit was swept in the finals by the New Jersey Devils.

But the story gets worse. The Red Wings bring a lot of heavy baggage to this year's finals with the Philadelphia Flyers.

Last year, the Red Wings scored goals by the truckload as they won an NHL-record 62 games. Yet they didn't even reach the Cup finals, eliminated instead in six games by the Avalanche in the conference finals.

"You realize that finishing second means absolutely nothing," Yzerman said.

And it's not just the players on

this team who are suffering. It's the entire franchise. The Red Wings, after all, have not won a Cup championship since 1955. Their 42-year drought is the longest in the NHL.

"We haven't won anything yet," said Brendan Shanahan, one of many players brought in to change that. "We knocked off the defending champions, but that doesn't make us champions, yet."

Fans in this title-hungry town seem to feel this, too. They roared after Monday night's 3-1 triumph sent the defending champion Avalanche packing. Yet there wasn't so much as a single octopus tossed on the ice.

True, the slimy sea creatures are old playoff tradition in Detroit were banned by the NHL this year. But almost everybody expected at least one or two would be pirated past security.

"The way the city and the state has supported this team, it will be chaos for the entire summer if we win it," said goalie Mike Vernon, who has a hard-earned 1.17 goals against average during these playoffs.

It is a minor miracle that Vernon is even on this team. Two years ago, he was labeled as the fall guy after Detroit was swept by the Devils. This year, the Red Wings made sweeping changes.

The emphasis was on getting bigger, stronger and younger.

Detroit was no longer interested in scoring a ton of goals and winning regular season titles. Playoff hockey is different. So the Red Wings threw all their energies into becoming a better playoff team.

Popular players like Paul Coffey, Dino Ciccarelli and Keith Primeau were sent packing. They were replaced by players like Shanahan, Martin Lapointe and Larry Murphy.

Those who were not traded, who have stayed and slugged it out for the past two years, want to feel like their time has come.

There was relief etched on many faces after finally paying back Colorado.

In all their past failures, the Red Wings seemed always to face a hot goalie. This time, it appears to be Detroit riding a hot netminder. Yet there is a story there, too.

For most of the season, Chris Osgood was Detroit's regular goalie. It looked for all the world as though Vernon might also be traded. But Scotty Bowman, trying to become the first coach to win Cup championships with three different teams, went with Vernon in the playoffs.

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